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### Notices

**Lost Summer Comer** has lost her named school fleece, please check to see if your child has taken it home by mistake.

#### Year 3/4 Residential to Skern Lodge

Just a reminder, that children will need to be dropped off at Skern Lodge at 10am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March and picked up at 2pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. If you haven't already done so, please could you bring in completed SOE3 forms to the office ASAP.

#### Sports Relief

On Friday, the 23rd March, we will be celebrating Sports Relief by having a Creative House Group Day. After the success of Sports Relief in previous years, the children will be taking part in a range of physical activities including the Sport Relief Mile around the field. Also, children may come into school dressed as a famous sportsman/woman if they wish along with a £1. **YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BE IN SUITABLE CLOTHES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY and WILL NEED TO PLENTY TO DRINK!** Sports Relief soft balls will be on sale for £1 from next Monday. The School Council will also be selling these on the day.

#### Class Taw

The children's country presentations are due in next week. They have been told what day they are presenting on and this is also displayed on the classroom door.

#### Easter Service

We welcome you all to our **Easter Service in St Peter's Church on Thursday 29th March at 10.00am**. We hope you can join us. We then break up for the Easter holidays and return to school on Tuesday 17th April.

Friday 16th March 2018

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### A Message from Mrs Denham

We want to say a huge thank you to the Bratton Fleming Parish Council Composting Group, who very generously donated £2,000 to the school to help us buy resources. We are so grateful to the Committee. The money will make a big difference.

Thank you to the Mobility Centre in Braunton for providing us with some equipment.

If we are due any payments from you, please ensure they are made by the end of term. If you are unsure how much you owe please contact the office staff.

### Notices

#### Nick Butter – Running The World 196 Challenge Fundraising

Since January, Class Taw have been following an athlete from Bristol called Nick Butter who is currently taking part in a challenge called 'Running the World 196'. This involves Nick running a marathon in every country in the world over the next 16 months. His motivation for this is that he hopes to make people more aware of the disease and to also raise £250,000 for Prostate Cancer UK, a charity that has helped his close friend deal with this disease. The children have been following him through his social media, learning about the different countries & cultures he has experienced so far and even had the chance to video call him on a couple of occasions. Over the last few weeks, the rest of the school have been introduced to Nick's challenge and during assemblies have been keeping track on how Nick is doing.

After speaking to our children and hearing about how inspiring his challenge is to them, Nick has kindly agreed to visit the school to run with the children and hold an assembly. This will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April and all parents are welcome to attend the assembly. Details to follow nearer the time.

As Nick is kindly visiting the school, the children have decided to hold fundraising events, one for each class, to help raise money for Nick's charity 'Prostate Cancer UK'. Details of these below:

**Class Bray Assault Course:** The children will be taking part in a sponsored assault course on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Sponsorship forms will be coming home with the children next week.

**Class Lyn Cake Sale:** The children would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who either donated cakes, helped to run the stall or bought cakes at their class cake sale. Thanks to your generosity Class Lyn were able to raise just over £120 for Prostate Cancer!

**Class Caen Raffle:** The children have been busy writing letters to lots of different companies asking for raffle prizes. They will be selling raffle tickets on the playground in the week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. The raffle will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**Class Taw 6 Hour Relay Challenge:** The children have challenged themselves to run for the whole school day. On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, they will be taking part in a 6 hour relay challenge around the school field starting at 9.15 & finishing at 3.15! The children have brought home their sponsorship forms today.

**Class Torridge Disco:** The children will be holding a school disco on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The disco for KS1 will be 3.15 – 4.15. KS2 will be 4.30 – 5.30. Entrance fee will be £1 and there will be various games that children can take part in for a very small cost. Details to follow.

## Notices

### Philosophy 4 Children

As part of our P4C assembly this week, both Key Stages watched a video taken from Dr Suess' story 'The Sneetches'. The video showed how the Star-Bellied Sneetches were superior to the Plain-Bellied Sneetches and how the Sneetches were treated differently because of this. The children then discussed the video answering a range of questions inspired by what they had seen. It was great to see the children really trying to explain their answers and ideas clearly to one another.

If you would like to check out the video at home, please use the following address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMolzESn4oI>



### Our P.T.A

#### Club59

There was no winner last week so it is a rollover this Saturday.

#### Future of the PTA

During the PTA meeting on Wednesday 14 March, the following points were discussed:

Melissa is standing down as chair at the end of this term (29 March). This is mainly due to lack of people coming forward to help and support the committee, including being unable to fill the position of vice chair.

**IF A NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR IS NOT FOUND BY MARCH 29th THE PTA WILL HAVE TO DISSOLVE.**

Melissa thanked everyone involved with the PTA for their help and support during her time as chair.

It will be a great shame if the school no longer has a PTA, in recent years monies raised by the PTA have contributed towards playground equipment, a shed for storing equipment, reading books, iPads for the children, coaches for the beach trip and medals for Sports Day.

These monies have been raised from various events including the Spooky Spectacular, Christmas Fair, Refreshments at Panto Evenings, Quiz Night, Easter Fun Day, Sports Day refreshments, Summer Fair, End of term cake and second hand uniform sales, Hamper ticket sales and Club 59.

#### Easter Fair

Due to the current uncertainty the PTA will sadly not be holding an Easter Fair this year.

#### Design An Egg Competition

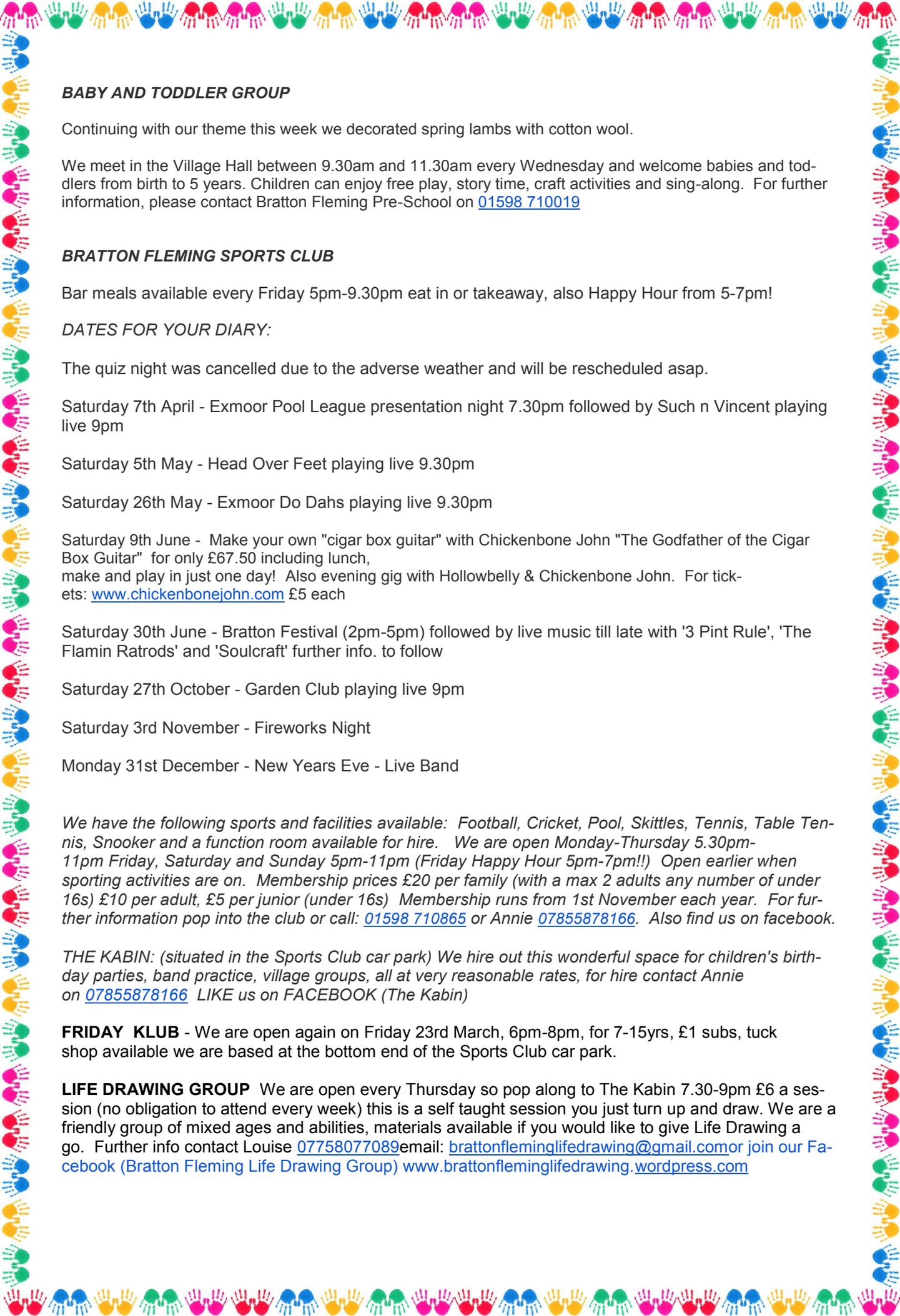
We will be holding a design an egg competition for the children. 50p per entry, paper templates will be sent home. Prizes for KS1 and KS2. Entries need to be in by Wednesday 28th March so the winners can be announced before the Easter break.



## PRE-SCHOOL

We had an interesting walk over the green looking for footprints and paw prints to find out what creatures might live there. The only ones that we could find were our own patterned footprints from our wellies and boots and some horses hoof prints. Whilst we were there the children did see some of the first signs of Spring by finding daffodils, crocuses and some new buds growing on the branches of the trees.

Pre-School is open between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. We accept Early Years Funding where 3/4yr olds can access 15 hours of childcare a week. From September 2017, we are also offering the 30 hour free childcare entitlement where you can access an additional 15hrs funding a week. We are also an approved setting to accept 2 year old funding for 2yr olds. For further information or to arrange a visit, please contact us on 01598 710019.



## **BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

Continuing with our theme this week we decorated spring lambs with cotton wool.

We meet in the Village Hall between 9.30am and 11.30am every Wednesday and welcome babies and toddlers from birth to 5 years. Children can enjoy free play, story time, craft activities and sing-along. For further information, please contact Bratton Fleming Pre-School on [01598 710019](tel:01598710019)

## **BRATTON FLEMING SPORTS CLUB**

Bar meals available every Friday 5pm-9.30pm eat in or takeaway, also Happy Hour from 5-7pm!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

The quiz night was cancelled due to the adverse weather and will be rescheduled asap.

Saturday 7th April - Exmoor Pool League presentation night 7.30pm followed by Such n Vincent playing live 9pm

Saturday 5th May - Head Over Feet playing live 9.30pm

Saturday 26th May - Exmoor Do Dahs playing live 9.30pm

Saturday 9th June - Make your own "cigar box guitar" with Chickenbone John "The Godfather of the Cigar Box Guitar" for only £67.50 including lunch, make and play in just one day! Also evening gig with Hollowbelly & Chickenbone John. For tickets: [www.chickenbonejohn.com](http://www.chickenbonejohn.com) £5 each

Saturday 30th June - Bratton Festival (2pm-5pm) followed by live music till late with '3 Pint Rule', 'The Flamin Ratrods' and 'Soulcraft' further info. to follow

Saturday 27th October - Garden Club playing live 9pm

Saturday 3rd November - Fireworks Night

Monday 31st December - New Years Eve - Live Band

*We have the following sports and facilities available: Football, Cricket, Pool, Skittles, Tennis, Table Tennis, Snooker and a function room available for hire. We are open Monday-Thursday 5.30pm-11pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5pm-11pm (Friday Happy Hour 5pm-7pm!!) Open earlier when sporting activities are on. Membership prices £20 per family (with a max 2 adults any number of under 16s) £10 per adult, £5 per junior (under 16s) Membership runs from 1st November each year. For further information pop into the club or call: [01598 710865](tel:01598710865) or Annie [07855878166](tel:07855878166). Also find us on facebook.*

*THE KABIN: (situated in the Sports Club car park) We hire out this wonderful space for children's birthday parties, band practice, village groups, all at very reasonable rates, for hire contact Annie on [07855878166](tel:07855878166) LIKE us on FACEBOOK (The Kabin)*

**FRIDAY KLUB** - We are open again on Friday 23rd March, 6pm-8pm, for 7-15yrs, £1 subs, tuck shop available we are based at the bottom end of the Sports Club car park.

**LIFE DRAWING GROUP** We are open every Thursday so pop along to The Kabin 7.30-9pm £6 a session (no obligation to attend every week) this is a self taught session you just turn up and draw. We are a friendly group of mixed ages and abilities, materials available if you would like to give Life Drawing a go. Further info contact Louise [07758077089](tel:07758077089) email: [brattonfleminglifedrawing@gmail.com](mailto:brattonfleminglifedrawing@gmail.com) or join our Facebook (Bratton Fleming Life Drawing Group) [www.brattonfleminglifedrawing.wordpress.com](http://www.brattonfleminglifedrawing.wordpress.com)